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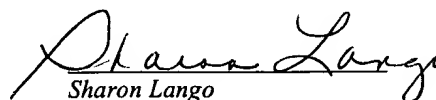
Applicant: Barker et al.

Group Art Unit: 1751

Examiner: Vijayakumar, K.M.

Title: STABILIZED ELECTROCHEMICAL CELL ACTIVE MATERIAL

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The patents, publications and other information submitted for consideration by the Office (except unpublished U.S. patent applications, if any) are as set forth in the attached form PTO-1449.

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<u>U.S. Serial Number</u>	<u>U.S. Filing Date</u>
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09/307,355	5/7/1999
09/707,100	11/6/2000

____ This is a PCT application in the entry of the National Phase in the United States. A copy of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information. The documents listed on the International Search Report are listed on the attached Form-1449 for consideration by the Examiner and for listing on any patent resulting from this application. Since the International Search Report was from the US, EPO, or JPO search authorities, copies of these references should have been supplied to the USPTO under the trilateral agreement and are believed to be in the file of the above-identified application. (MPEP 1893.03(g))

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____ The Examiner is advised that the following co-pending application(s) contain(s) subject matter that may be related to the present application. By bringing this(these) application(s) to the Examiner's attention, Applicant(s) does(do) not waive the confidentiality provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122.

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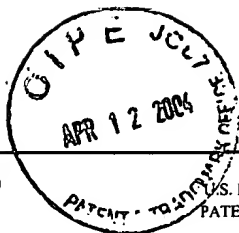
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